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Dragons deployed
— 238

Hurricane Katrina recovery

Keesler realizing major milestones today, April 3

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Two major milestones in Keesler's recovery from Hurricane Katrina are about to be realized.

Today, the first 36 units of the new Thrower Park military family housing area are turned over to the base. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is at 1 p.m.

April 3 marks the completion of major repairs to Sablich Center, the "heart" of support functions for the base. That ribbon-cutting event is at 9 a.m.

Because parking is inadequate for today's ceremony in Thrower Park, a shuttle runs from Our Lady of Fatima Church and School, 2090 Pass Road at the corner of Jim Money Road.

Participation by congressional, Air Education and Training Command and senior Pentagon officials is expected.

Under construction for nearly a year, the new homes are the first of more than 1,000 housing units being built under a \$287.4 million contract to replace homes damaged by Katrina in August 2005. The project is the largest military family housing program in Air Force history.

By the end of July, Thrower Park adds 198 junior enlisted units to the base's housing inventory, according to Col. Rod Croslen, 81st Mission Support Group commander.

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Intensive care



Photo by Senior Airman Julianne Showalter

Staff Sgt. Delbert Smith, 332nd Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron intensive care unit technician, treats an Iraqi child at the Air Force Theater Hospital in Balad. The child was injured by an 82-millimeter mortar round which struck a soccer field where he and other children were playing. Sergeant Smith is deployed from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

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It's time for spring cleaning of more than physical world

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

Spring is here and it's time to open the windows to let in fresh air.

It's also a time of renewal: a time to clean windows and scrub floors, a time to de-clutter closets, start cutting the grass (again) and re-organize garages. It is a time to clean-up our cluttered desks, the messy areas around our base, and our office areas. Spring is a time when the earth experiences its annual rebirth and a time where we look forward to the prospect of a better tomorrow.

All in all, our ritual of spring cleaning gets us in a positive state of mind. And with flowers blooming and warm weather on the way, why shouldn't it? And why shouldn't we take that energy and apply it to ourselves, and start a sort of spring cleaning of your old, dusty habits and attitudes?

We all have our own way of approaching the world that stems from who we are and what we've brought along with us from childhood. Whether good or ill, our habitual behavior falls into the patterns we've learned from our life experiences.

Spring is the time of year we should take the time to reflect on our habits and attitudes, and decide what to keep and what to put in

the metaphorical dust bin, as a part of a personal spring cleaning program.

Now is the time to do a clean-up of the physical world around you. Yes, you DO need to clean your desk, your office, and your home! If you don't believe me, ask your neighbors! Or, if you are married, ask your spouse! Yet, while you are cleaning your physical world, don't forget yourself and the housekeeping you need to succeed as a valued member of our great society.

Take some time during this spring season to weed your personal garden of habits, behaviors and attitudes. Pluck the weeds that choke the lifestyle you want to have and allow the great goals you have to bloom.

Whether you seek great health, wealth, or success, all these goals depend on a solid spiritual foundation. Take a good look inside yourself, assess where you are and where you want to be, and start the growing of a new and better you.

Nothing is so difficult as changing our habits and attitudes. But it's possible to shape ourselves in any manner we wish and become not just a better Airman but a better person, once we decide to do so. So while we are cleaning up around our base, let's open up, welcome the fresh air in, and get our personal spring cleaning program started.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Col. Greg Touhill

81st Training Wing commander

You're encouraged to work concerns through your chain of command or contact an appropriate helping agent. For unresolved issues, call the commander's action line for assistance.

Suggestions to help make this a more valuable and useful tool are welcome. Call the commander's action line at 377-4357, write to Commander's Action Line, 81st TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, e-mail 81st TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For personal responses, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest

- A-76 hotline** — 376-8176
- Airmen and family readiness center** — 377-2179
- Base locator** — 377-2890
- Base operator** — 377-1110
- Base taxi (official use)** — 377-2430
- Career assistance adviser** — 377-3697
- Central medical appointments** — 1-800-700-8603
- Child development center** — 377-2211
- Civil engineering** — 377-5561
- Civilian personnel** — 377-2268
- Military personnel flight** — 377-2276
- Keesler Federal Credit Union** — 385-5500
- Emergencies** — 911
- Family campground** — 594-0543
- Finance** — 377-4212
- 81st Communications Squadron help desk** — 377-0066
- Housing** — 377-9741
- Identification cards** — 377-3203
- Inspector general** — 377-3010
- Legal assistance** — 377-3510
- Library** — 377-2181
- Lodging (reservations)** — 377-9986
- Medical center information** — 376-2550
- Military equal opportunity** — 377-2759
- Military pay** — 377-7272
- Pass and registration** — 377-3844
- Pharmacy (refill call-in)** — 376-1000
- Satellite pharmacy** — 377-9791
- Public affairs** — 377-2783
- Red Cross** — 377-0732
- Sexual assault prevention and response team** — 377-8635
- SARC 24-hour hotline (to report sexual assaults)** — 377-7278
- Law enforcement desk** — 377-3040
- SARC 24-hour hotline** — 477-7278
- Shoppette, Class Six** — 432-2367
- Telephone trouble** — 377-2130
- Traffic management (outbound)** — 377-2446
- Traffic management (inbound)** — 377-7813
- Visitor center** — 377-2595
- Youth center** — 377-4116



Colonel Touhill

may appear in this column.

For your convenience, here are some key customer service phone numbers at Keesler:

Keesler hosts young leaders



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Gulf Coast Youth Leadership members pose in front of a 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron C-130J, after touring Keesler facilities March 13. They represent the top 1 percent of Mississippi Gulf Coast high school juniors.

To report
sexual assaults
at Keesler,
call 377-7278.

No. 1 in Air Force, 2004, 1997.
No. 1 in AETC, 2004, 1998, 1996;
No. 2, 2006, 2003, 2001, 1999, 1997, 1991, 1989, 1986;
No. 3, 2005, 2002, 1995;
honorable mention, 1992.

(The Air Force Media Contest no longer includes a newspaper category.)

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I'd like to go to Ireland to see the country and meet the people.
— Michele Carroll,
K-MAR Industries, 81st Communications Squadron



I would be on a beach in Tahiti with my surfboard and 10-foot waves.
— Airman 1st Class Caleb Chiellini, 81st Medical Operations Squadron



I would like to be in the Bahamas.
— Senior Airman Demarios Vinson, 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron

**DRAGON ON THE STREET**

What's your ideal vacation?

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Post-Katrina medical training reaches milestone

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Feb. 28, Keesler Medical Center graduated its first cardiopulmonary apprentice Phase II class since Hurricane Katrina.

Maj. (Dr.) Steve Kindsvater, chief of 81st Medical Operations Squadron cardiovascular services, presented certificates to Airmen 1st Class Stephen Monaco and Christopher West and Senior Airman David Allison.

Major Kindsvater is the course medical director.

Airman Monaco has been assigned to the 99th MDOS at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Airmen

West to the 79th MDOS at Andrews AFB, Md.

Airman Allison, a member of the Air Force Reserve Command's 439th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., remains at Keesler Medical Center for four months of follow-on training.

Airman Monaco, with an overall 90 percent grade, was named distinguished graduate.

The class selected Staff Sgt. Tyshon Daye, 81st MDOS, for the preceptor award for his teaching performance.

According to Lyle Crandall, Phase II coordinator, the course, which is approximately 8 1/2 months

long, consists of cardiology, pulmonary and respiratory rotations.

"Each rotation incorporates classroom and clinical experience," he explained. "While in cardiology they perform ECGs (electrocardiograms), Holter monitoring, cardiac stress testing and cardiac ultrasound.

"In the pulmonary lab, students perform pulmonary function tests and bronchoscopy. While in respiratory therapy, they perform primarily in the inpatient area and emergency room where the emphasis is placed on care of the critically-ill patient needing ventilator care," he added.

Military tuition assistance

Discovery of link to force development

opens door to higher education benefits

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein

Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Air Force military tuition assistance program, which allows Airmen to reach educational goals, recently identified an opportunity to link force development initiatives with the program after receiving feedback from the 2007 Air Force Audit Agency.

"Historically, MilTA has been used as a recruitment incentive wherein individuals are offered the opportunity to work towards personal higher education goals while serving our nation," said Joe McDade, the director of force development.

"While focused on enhancing Airmen's educational levels, force development seeks to deliberately link advanced education with Air Force institutional and occupational requirements," he continued.

Allowing Airmen to pursue higher education benefits both the individual and the Air Force, he said.

"A college education extends beyond building an area of expertise," Mr. McDade said. "It also develops unique competencies we value as an institution including strategic thinking, analytical abilities and communication skills, which serve to further develop critical leadership skills."

"Advanced degrees, whether focused on individual pursuits or directly linked with force development goals, are a win-win for all of us," he added.

The Air Force Audit Agency report stated 10 percent of the military personnel degree plans reviewed were unrelated to the Airmen's specialties, using as an example an aerospace propulsion journeyman who received money to earn a real estate agent license.

The report recommended limiting MilTA benefits to educational goals specifically linked to force development.

However, the recommendation to limit benefits would erode the recruiting and retention goals of the original program, said Mr. McDade.

"Rather than an all-or-nothing approach, we're pursuing a dual-purposed approach," he said. "Allow individuals with personal ambitions beyond the Air Force to pursue their own educational goals, while at the same time, providing Airmen interested in furthering their Air Force professional goals an opportunity to do so by linking the programs."

This ensures the Air Force maintains the recruiting and retention benefits inherent in the program while also providing synergy with force development efforts, according to Mr. McDade.

Efforts to instill a dual-purposed approach include ensuring institutional competencies are synchronized within the MilTA program, while also working with career field managers to identify advanced degrees that are relevant to each functional community.

Keesler claims 2 weather awards

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Two Keesler weather professionals have been recognized with Air Education and Training Command awards for 2007:

Jerry Farley, an instructor in the 335th TRS, was recognized as outstanding civilian for his past performance as a meteorological technician in the 81st Operations Support Flight weather flight, outstanding civilian.

Master Sgt. Krista Landreneau, instructor supervisor in the 335th Training Squadron, won in the senior non-commissioned officer category. She's now stationed at Camp Humphreys, Korea.

Mr. Farley served on active duty for 20 years before beginning his civil service career nearly eight years ago. He moved to his current position as an instructor in the weather forecaster apprentice course in November.

While with the 81st OSF, Mr. Farley was credited with improving the meteorological satellite imagery reference



Mr. Farley

file by increasing case studies by 25 percent and improving weather identification and forecast accuracy by 20 percent. He provided 22 weather briefings to the 403rd Wing Hurricane Hunters and tailored daily mission execution forecasts for 23 separate aircraft weather thresholds.

He ensured proper coding of 1,400 time-critical weather observations, enhancing flight safety and operations for

Keesler's \$889 million in aircraft. His accurate forecasts also allowed for successful fact-finding visits to the recovering Mississippi Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina by the president and congressional delegations.

Sergeant Landreneau supervised 13 instructors and 148 joint-service students, accomplishing a 96 percent pass rate. Recognized twice as the squadron's instructor of the quarter, she spent 720 hours behind the podium to free other instructors for operational readiness inspection preparation, honor guard service and temporary duty assignments.

Sergeant Landreneau's no-notice evaluations resulted in two "outstanding" ORI evaluations. She mentored six new instructors and assured their qualification 30 percent ahead of schedule to ease a 25 percent manning shortage. She helped create a first-class training environment by directing 648 self-help man-hours to enhance classes and common areas.

Soil scenario

Staff Sgts. Mondlie Brave, left, and Billy Wince, right, 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight, report on soil samples taken at a simulated site of suspected hazardous chemicals behind the flight building. Joe Potaczek from Alliance Solutions Group, Newport News, Va., evaluates their performance. Mr. Potaczek and Kevin Hale visited Keesler March 3-4 to provide hands-on chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear scenario-based training. Alliance Solutions was hired by Air Education and Training Command to conduct the training at command bases for its 2008 bioenvironmental engineering CBRN challenge.

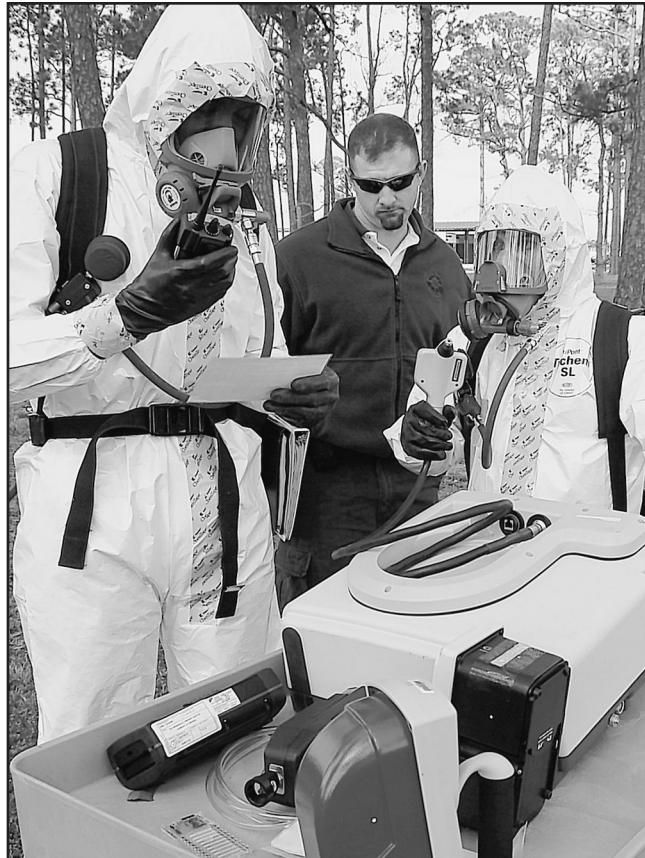


Photo by Steve Pivnick

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group holds drill downs and parades on the drill pad behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

The schedule:

Drill downs — 8 a.m. April 18 and Nov. 14; 6 p.m. July 17 and 7 a.m. Sept. 19.

Parades — 6 p.m. today, June 12, Aug. 21 and Oct. 16.

For drill down information, call Tech. Sgt. Trina Girley, 377-2737. For parade information, call Staff Sgt. Donald McNair, 377-9527.

Parking lot closure

The parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler

NCO Academy is closed until until 11 a.m. April 2 for drill practice and evaluations.

In the event of inclement weather, the lot is open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Lisa Arnold, 377-2740.

KOSC scholarships

April 11 is the deadline to apply for six scholarships being offered by the Keesler Spouses' Club.

High school and home-schooled seniors and spouses in Jackson, Harrison, and Hancock counties who are dependents of Keesler active-duty, Reserve, Guard, retirees, deceased members and Defense Department civilian

employees are eligible.

Applications are available at high school counselor offices and the Keesler Thrift Shop and online at the KSC Web site, <http://www.keeslerspousesclub.com>.

ASMC scholarships

The Mississippi Sound Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers awards a \$1,000 college scholarship to two graduating high school seniors entering a financial or resource management course of study.

The application deadline is April 21.

For more information, call Marcella LeBlanc, 377-7280.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Long may they wave



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Charles Pichelmayer, 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron, replaces Guam's flag along Larcher Boulevard's "Avenue of Flags" March 5. Replacing the worn flags with new ones was a project undertaken by Keesler's Rising VI.

2 base legal officials earn 2nd Air Force recognition

By Airman 1st Class
David Salanitri

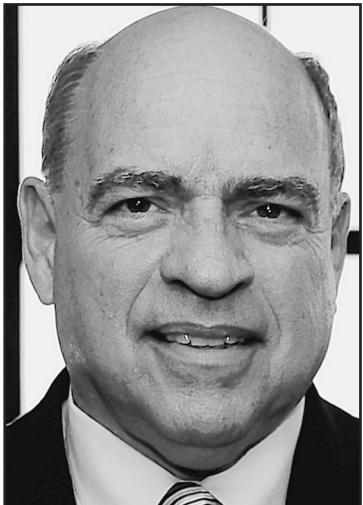
Keesler News staff

Two 81st Training Wing legal professionals are 2nd Air Force award winners for 2007.

Richard Brock, chief of the civil law division, won the Wrightson Award in the civilian attorney category.

Ronnie Reagan, adverse actions paralegal, won the Vague Award in the legal service civilian category.

According to his nomination package, Mr. Brock "oversaw a dynamic legal assistance program involving three paralegals and five



Mr. Brock

attorneys serving 4,000 clients in 2007."

Mr. Reagan processed 238



Mr. Reagan

notification discharge packages in 2007, according to his nomination package.

IN THE NEWS

National Prayer Breakfast

Keesler's National Prayer Breakfast is 7 a.m. April 23 in the 403rd Wing's fuel cell hangar.

The guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Howard Stendahl, Air Education and Training Command's command chaplain.

Tickets are \$3 for pay grades E-1 to E-4 and \$5 for others.

For more information or tickets, contact squadron chaplains or first sergeants or call Triangle Chapel, 377-2520.

Nominations for Biloxi volunteers

April 2 is the deadline to nominate Keesler volunteers for recognition at the City of Biloxi's 25th Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, 5:30 p.m. April 30 at the Donal Snyder Community Center on Pass Road.

Awards are given in five categories: health, community, arts and history, education and sports. An overall winner is honored as Distinguished Volunteer of the Year. Awards are also presented to organizations and businesses for outstanding community service.

For nomination forms and more information, call Linda Edison, Keesler's volunteer coordinator, 377-0698.

4-star rating for Air Force charity

Air Force Print News

SHALIMAR, Fla. — The Air Force Enlisted Village, one of four official charities of the Air Force, has received its second consecutive four-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest charity evaluator. The rating places AFEV among the top charities of the more than 5,000 evaluated by Charity Navigator.

The AFEV provides a home for the surviving spouses of enlisted military service members.

Virtual uniform board

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — Airmen can now submit ideas for improving Air Force uniforms online through a link on the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness Web site.

Once submitted, ideas are routed through the same channels as IDEA suggestions. Any suggestions that make it to the Air Force level are forwarded to and reviewed by members of the Air Force Uniform Board.

This process allows Airmen in the field to provide input to the uniform board without having to wait for major commands to ask for their input. It also allows Air Force leaders to be more responsive to the field and provide more flexibility to board members while saving time and money.

For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center Contact Center, 1-800-616-3775 and select option 1, 1, 2.

Off-limits establishments

Off-limits establishments for military members are the Blue Note Lounge, Boulevard Nightclub and Henry Beck Park (except during daylight hours or official events) in Biloxi; Bunksmall Apartments and H&H Hideaway in Pascagoula, and Toni's Lounge in Moss Point.

Unit recycling competition headlines Earth-Arbor Day

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Keesler observes Earth and Arbor Day April 17 with an organizational/squadron recycling competition running through April 11.

The four items collected in the competition include cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and white paper.

Squadrons should bring these items to the recycling center. The schedule for dropping off items through April 11 is:

Monday-Thursday — 8-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Friday — 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

The winner of the competition is the squadron that recycles the most items by weight. Other events marking Earth and Arbor Day include a tree planting, a household hazardous waste turn-in and storm water runoff awareness handouts.

For more information, call or e-mail Angel Hays, 87-1262, or angel.hayes@keesler.af.mil.

Recovery,

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The next two construction sites, West Falcon and Shadowlawn-Maltby Hall, include 136 noncommissioned officer and 200 mixed-use units, respectively.

A second phase at the Falcon site adds 364 more NCO units and should be completed in 2009.

Bay Ridge, the last housing construction area, delivers 130 senior NCO and senior officer units in early 2010.

Sablich Center is a beehive of activity as organizations move into their quarters.

New locations and new telephone numbers:

81st Comptroller Squadron — Room 103. New phone numbers are 376-8245, commander's office; 376-8169, financial services chief, and 376-8243, financial

analysis chief. The finance call center number remains 377-7272.

Legal office — Room 227. New phone numbers are 376-8119 and 8120, main civil law and claims customer service; 376-8602 and 8603, military justice section, and 376-8141 and 8142, tax office.

81st Mission Support Group front office — Room 236. Closed today through Monday; reopens 7 a.m. Tuesday. New phone numbers are 376-8628, commander's office; 376-8625, chief enlisted manager; 376-8269, group resources; 376-8272, programs director; and 376-8631, administration office.

Education office — Room 224. Closed today through Tuesday; reopens 8 a.m. Wednesday. New phone numbers are 376-8708 and 8710, customer service; 376-8477, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; 376-8478, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University; 376-8479, University of Southern Mississippi, and 376-8480, William Carey University.

Housing office — Room 118. Closed March 28, reopens 8 a.m. March 31. New phone numbers are 376-8608, housing flight chief; 376-8609, facilities chief; 376-8610, assistant chief, and 376-8611, customer service.

As of Monday, these office locations and phone numbers weren't available:

Area defense counsel — relocated to new quarters Monday.

Manpower and organization office — moves Tuesday.

81st Mission Support Squadron staff — moves Wednesday.

Traffic management office — moves March 27.

Airman and family readiness center — moves March 27, 28 and 31.

Military personnel flight — moves April 1, 2 and 5.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Reduced manning for reenlistments

The reenlistment office is operating with reduced staff until June 1 because of a deployment.

Appointments only are accepted on work days from 8 a.m. to noon. Walk-in customers are accepted in the afternoons.

MPF customer service changes

The military personnel flight customer service office has new system requirements for a variety of services, including issuance of identification and common access cards.

For example, customers must now bring two forms of identification to be scanned before a new ID card can be issued.

For more information or specifics about particular situation, call 377-3018 or 377-3203.

WAPS test schedules

Weighted airman promotion system test schedules:

Master and technical sergeant — through March 31.

Staff sergeant — May 1 to June 15.

Members should be prepared to test on the first day of the cycle.

For more information, contact unit WAPS monitors.

Retirement annuity information

Personnel affected by A-76 can get estimates of their retirement annuities at the Air Force Personnel Center secure Web site, <https://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/AFPCSecureMainMenu.asp>.

Click the link for the entitlements and benefits section. First-time users are required to register.

Personal retirement computations are also available by calling 1-800-616-3775.

For more information related to A-76, call 376-8176.

Civilian employment information

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Civilian appropriated fund employees and prospective applicants can get answers to questions about employment opportunities, benefits and entitlements online at the Air Force's Customer Service Center.

A database at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst> includes hundreds of questions and answers. For online inquiries, users who don't find an answer to their specific question can submit a query through the "Ask-A-Question" tab at the top of the page.

Retirement applications online

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty retirement applications are processed at the Air Force Contact Center.

To request actions related to retirement, log onto the personal services delivery transformation Web site and click on "retirement package" at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/psd>.

Temporary duty travel tips

81st Transportation Squadron

Temporary duty travel doesn't require orders for reservations.

It's recommended that travelers contact the passenger service office, 377-2600, as soon as they know about official travel requirements.

Travelers must have airline tickets to board flights. Passenger stand-by services are for emergency situations only, not for customers who neglected to pick up their tickets. It's the customer's responsibility to pick up tickets before leaving on official travel.

The Government Travel Card is mandatory for purchase of airline tickets.

6 SNCOs at Keesler gain stripe

Air Force Personnel Center
and Keesler News staff

Six Keesler master sergeants are among the 1,284 selected for promotion to senior master sergeant.

They are:

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Lonnie Bacon.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Sandra Scott.

81st Mission Support Group — Andrea Turner.

Legal office — Shannon Gray.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Paul Reaves.

334th Training Squadron — David Naker.

The board, which convened at Randolph Air Force Base Jan. 28 to Feb. 15, considered 14,404 master sergeants for an 8.91 percent select rate. Last year's selection rate was 8.77 percent.

The average score for those selected was 672.67 with an average time in grade and time in service of 4.54 and 20.47 years respectively. The average score was based on the following point averages:

134.99 for enlisted performance reports.

33.17 for time in grade.

21.43 for time in service.,

21.23 for decorations.

68.99 for Air Force supervisory examination.

392.86 for board score.

Individual score notices are available on the virtual military personnel flight and Air Force Portal.

Those selected for senior master sergeant are promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in April.

For more information, call the Air Force Personnel Center's enlisted promotions office, 1-210-565-2507 or 1690 or DSN 665-2507 or 1690.

DRAGON OF THE WEEK

Name — Airman 1st Class Jacob Robles

Unit — 81st Dental Squadron

Position — dental assistant

Time in Air Force — two years, three months

Time at Keesler — one year, nine months

Hometown — Mission, Texas

Noteworthy — He was selected as one of the first dental assistants in the Air Force to attend the new basic oral hygiene school.

Why did you join the Air Force? I wanted a better future for myself and my family.

What are your hobbies? I play on the base soccer team and I enjoy fishing.

What's your favorite quote? "Try not to become



Photo by Steve Pivnick

a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value." — Albert Einstein

What are your short- and long-term goals? finishing my bachelor's degree.

DIAMOND NOTES

Women's finger nails must be one conservative color or a French manicure. Designs of any kind aren't authorized.



Sergeant Liebegott

— Master Sgt. Jessica Liebegott, 338th Training Squadron first sergeant



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Sept. 29, 1941

The Airplane and Engine Mechanics School began operation.

Power play

Airmen can apply for next home-base, follow-on assignments by way of Web

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The power for Airmen to apply for their next home-basing and follow-on assignment is literally at their fingertips.

All active-duty enlisted members and officers (lieutenant colonel and below) who are slated to serve an unaccompanied tour of 15 months or less have the ability to submit Web-based applications from any location worldwide, 24/7.

The new self-service application process is part of the Air Force's ongoing commitment to personnel services delivery transformation.

"This change will help streamline the application process by eliminating paperwork and unnecessary trips to the military personnel element," said Letty Inabinet, chief of the assignment programs and procedures branch at the Air Force Personnel Center. "An Airman will be able to fill out the application online, and if eligible, the system will validate it on the spot and send it to AFPC for consideration."

Even though the HB/FO assignment program is Web-based, the benefits remain the same.

"The program continues to be a win-win for the Air Force," Ms. Inabinet said. "It helps

reduce stress among our Airmen who don't know where their next duty station will be after they serve the unaccompanied tour, and it provides stability for our Air Force families."

Home-basing assignments offer Airmen an assignment back to the same continental U.S. location, or long-tour location in Alaska or Hawaii, from where they left. Follow-on assignments offer Airmen assignment consideration to a preferred CONUS location or the overseas long-tour location of their choice. Airmen can choose up to eight CONUS locations and up to eight overseas choices.

For convenience and accessibility, the application is available at the virtual military personnel flight, <https://ww3.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>. The program's guidelines are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2110; applicants are encouraged to thoroughly read the sections on entitlements and restrictions before submitting their application.

For more information visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and search for "Follow On." The 24-hour Air Force Contact Center is also available to answer questions at 1-800-616-3775 or DSN 665-5000..

Keesler nurse becomes nurse practitioner

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Capt. John Williamson has achieved a long-sought goal by becoming a family nurse practitioner.

The captain, nurse manager of the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron critical care unit, earned a master's degree from University of South Alabama College of Nursing in Mobile in December with a 3.86 grade point average. He passed the certification examination Jan. 28 and hopes to receive his FNP license by the end of March.

Determined to become a family nurse practitioner but ineligible to participate in an Air Force Institute of

Technology program, Captain Williamson enrolled at South Alabama on his own.

"I paid for some of it out of pocket and received some tuition assistance," he said.

The program normally takes 2 1/2 years to complete, but the captain was deployed to Southwest Asia in the middle of it. Because it's only offered once a year, he had to wait to restart and actually graduated after three years.

Working at Keesler Medical Center full time, he had to take personal leave to complete some of the required clinical portions when unable to do so during normal days off. Captain Williamson did rotations in the medical center's pediatric, women's



Captain Williamson

health, internal medicine and family practice clinics.

After completing a day's

work at the medical center, the captain would study until midnight, get a few hours sleep and return to work 6 a.m. the next day. On his days off or on leave, he spent up to 12 hours doing clinical work for the degree program.

Another factor added to Captain Williamson's grueling schedule — helping the medical center return to normal operations after Hurricane Katrina. As CCU nurse manager, he was responsible for expanding the number of beds in the unit and training the staff to man it.

On a more personal level, he and his wife Deirdra were trying to conceive a baby and went through infertility treatments last spring. Much to

their joy, son Nathan was born Dec. 12, less than a week after the captain received his master's degree.

Dec. 11, Captain Williamson learned he'd been selected for promotion to major.

Ironically, he can't work as a FNP at Keesler because he's assigned to the facility as a clinical nurse, not a provider.

"My goal, once I receive my license, is to volunteer at local free clinics on the coast to gain experience and provide community service because so many will have to shut down due to lack of providers," he explained.

He plans to do this until he leaves for a new assignment, as a FNP, to Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., in June.

Landry family shares dedication to nursing

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Patricia Landry's desire to become a nurse is understandable. Both her mother and father practice that noble profession.

Patricia, a senior at the University of South Alabama School of Nursing, recently began a 200-hour rotation at Keesler Medical Center to hone her skills. She is among nursing students from three area schools the medical center has partnered with to offer their students the opportunity to train with Air Force nurses. The other schools are Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Her mother, Lidia, is a nurse in the 81st Medical Operations Squadron family practice flight. Her father, Paul, is a nurse at the Biloxi Veterans Affairs Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System facility.

"The training at Keesler Medical Center will help me transition from school to hands-on nursing," Patricia said. "It incorporates classroom theory with what it's actually like being a nurse."

Her 200 hours are divided among 12-hour shifts at the medical center under the guidance of a preceptor, an expert or a specialist who gives practical experience and training to a medical or nursing student.

Her preceptor is Capt. Lavon Williams, a nurse in the 81st Inpatient Operations Squadron inpatient surgical

flight. She's "shadowing" Maj. Jeannie Sabatine, the flight's nurse manager.

In addition to her parents' careers, Patricia said she was drawn to nursing by her desire to help others.

"It's rewarding to care for people, seeing them doing well and enjoying the services you provide," she explained.

Still undecided about a nursing specialty, Patricia believes labor and delivery would be a challenge.

"There is a lot of work and responsibility in labor and delivery," she said.

A graduate of Mercy Cross High School in Biloxi, the future nurse attended MGCCC for two years before transferring to South Alabama. Patricia, who graduates in May, wanted to work at Keesler Medical Center but learned she needed at least three years experience to do so. She hopes to become a member of the Ocean Springs Hospital staff.

Mother Lidia has been a nurse since 1990 and has been with Keesler Medical Center 14 years. Prior to moving to family practice in 2005, she worked in the medical-surgical inpatient unit for more than eight years, and obstetrics and labor and delivery for more than two years.

Paul retired from the Air Force as a senior master sergeant in 1999, immediately entering the nursing field. He had worked towards a nursing degree while still on active duty and subsequently earned his master's degree.



Photo by Steve Pivnick
Patricia, left, and Lidia review a patient's chart during one of Patricia's rotations at the medical center.

Festivity heralds Easter, spring



Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander, tosses beads to families attending Saturday's Easter parade. The Touhill family, riding on one of the base's fire trucks, served as the parade's grand marshals.

Photos by Adam Bond



Eighteen-month-old Dylan Iverson collects eggs during Saturday's Easter egg hunt in marina park with his mom, Capt. Lisa Iverson. Captain Iverson is a reservist assigned to the 81st Medical Group. Dylan's dad is Staff Sgt. Eric Iverson, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron.

Will Gryzen, 3, gets some help from 1st Lt. Mark Williams with the bicycle he won at Keesler's Easter celebration Saturday at marina park. Will's parents are Maj. Pete and Heidi Gryzen, 2nd Air Force. Lieutenant Williams is assigned to the 81st Supply-Transportation Squadron.

Mystery dinner theater

An interactive mystery dinner theater is April 12 at Blake Fitness Center.

A social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by the show at 7.

Tickets, \$20 per person, are on sale at Vandenberg Community Center and Gaude Lanes.

To preregister for child care, call 377-2211 for ages 6 weeks to 5 years, or 377-4116 for 6 and older..

The production, rated PG-13, is sponsored by GEICO, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Kim Beck KIA, National Productions and USAA.

For more information, call 377-2503.

Commissary closed

The commissary is closed Sunday for Easter.

AADD seeks reps

Airmen Against Drunk Driving has openings for unit representatives.

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail keesleraadd-officers@keesler.af.mil.

Clinic closure

The internal medicine clinic is closed compressed work schedule Fridays in March.

Operation Hero

Operation Hero, a program to acquaint children with the deployment process, is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19 at the

deployment facility.

For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Jessica Woodruff, 377-2593.

Card requirements

Two forms of identification are required at the military personnel flight's customer service section to obtain identification cards.

This applies to new common access cards for active duty, civilian employees or contractors, or TESLIN cards for retirees, dependents, reservists or guard members.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Ruby Bordley, 377-9464, or customer service, 377-2276.

Lenten, Easter services

Ecumenical

Sunday — 6:30 a.m., "SonRise" service, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday — 8:30 a.m., traditional worship service, Larcher Chapel; 10:30 a.m., contemporary worship service, Triangle Chapel; noon, gospel worship service, Triangle Chapel.

Catholic

Today — 7 p.m., Holy Thursday Mass and Eucharistic adoration, Triangle Chapel.

Friday — 7 p.m., Good Friday liturgy, Triangle Chapel.

Saturday — 7 p.m., Easter Vigil Mass, Triangle Chapel.

Sunday — 9 a.m., Easter Mass, Triangle Chapel.

Wing commander funding revives intramural sports

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Intramural sports are back.

The revived program is scheduled to kick off with basketball Monday.

Six weeks of play totaling 62 games are on tap.

Spring brings 180 games of softball, followed by 100 games of flag football in the fall. The first organizational meetings for golf are scheduled next month.

A lack of funding for officials forced the suspension of intramural sports, according to Linda Marinovich, sports and fitness director.

"Major command funding for intramural sports was discontinued as of Sept. 30, 2006," she explained. "We had to get approval to allow the wing commander to fund within his budget."

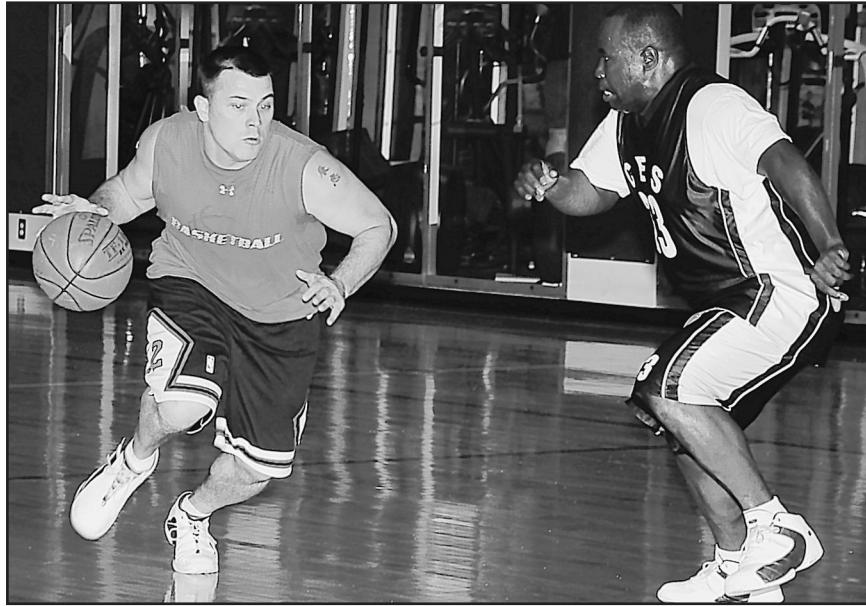
"We, along with the rest of the Air Force, have struggled with how to continue to provide valuable, morale-enhancing activity during times of budget cuts," Marinovich added. "We are very grateful to Colonel Touhill (Col. Greg Touhill, 81st Training Wing commander) for recognizing the value of intramural sports and providing the funds to continue them."

For more information, call Laurence Wilson, sports director, 377-2444.

Dark Knights joust to undefeated regular season

Mike Averill, left, 85th EIS, drives the ball down the court toward Ricky Nichols, 81st CES, March 13 at Dragon Fitness Center. The 81st CES won the game, 60-28, to clinch second place for the Over-30 League regular season. The 85th EIS closed out the season at 3-8 to place fourth in the five-team league.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



SCORES AND MORE

Basketball

Men's Over 30 League Standings (as of March 13)

Team	Won	Lost
338th TRS	12	0
81st CES	8	4
81st TRSS	5	6
85th EIS	3	8
2nd Air Force	1	10

All games at Dragon Fitness Center

March 11 — 338th TRS 56, 85th EIS 33; 2nd Air Force 30, 81st TRSS 27.

March 13 — 338th TRS 63, 2nd Air Force 63; 81st CES 60, 85th EIS 28.

Other

March Madness five-on-five basketball squadron challenge — 6 p.m. Monday, Blake Fitness Center; single elimination tournament.

Bowling

League standings

Monday Budweiser (as of March 10)

Team	Won	Lost
Perry's Refrigeration	96	51
Our Gang	89	58
Gannon's Cannons	83.5	53.5
Wayne's World	82	65
Old Skool	81	66
3 Steps Forward	80	67
Slater's Shooters	78	69
Man On	78	69
Why Not	77	70
Pin Heads	74	73
Hoops Gang	72	75
Team 2	70	77
The Corner Pins	68	79
Endangered Species	67.5	79.5
Ghost Riders	60	87
Martini's	56	91
Unpredictables	56	91
B-Busters	53	92

Tuesday Hospital Mixed (as of March 4)

Team	Won	Lost
Radiology Renegades	125	43
Pill Pushers	116	52

Wednesday Mixed (as of March 12)

Team

Team	Won	Lost
Oceans Eleven	114	61
Ichiban	103	72
Jokers Wild	103	72
Clyde's Crew	101	74
Misfits	100	75
Hang Chucky	99	76
2 Old 2 Bowl	93	82
3DR	91	84
Lucky Strikes	89	86
MUDD	84	91
70s Plus	75	100
Neighbors + 1	73	102

Thursday Retired Seniors Mixed (as of March 13)

Team

Team	Won	Lost
6-Pack	110.5	64.5
Three is Company	100.5	74.5
Team 16	96	79
Dummies Dummies	95	80
2 Bees & a D	94	81
The Very Best	92	83
Team 12	92	83
Freda's Kids	91	84
Team 1	90.5	84.5
Amy's Bunch	89	86
Delema	86.5	88.5
T-N-T	84	91
Barb's Boys	80.5	94.5
Friends	80	95
Full Speed	80	95
Team 15	77	98
Team 2	69.5	105.5
Guys and Dolls	67	108

Thursday Federal Intramural (as of Feb. 7)

Team

Team	Won	Lost
85th EIS	110	50
332nd TRS	104	56
Team 3	98	62
403rd Rolling Thunder	92	68
Team 5	91	69
338th TRS	90	70

Friday Mixed (as of March 7)

Team

Team	Won	Lost
Team 10	117	58
Lady and the Tramps	112	56
Team 3	96	79
Sandbaggers	89	86
Jax Hax	88	87
Pin Busters	85	90
3 Guys and A Babe	84	91
Harry's Team	77	98
Pin Pals	75	93
Dreamers	45	130

Other

Closed — Sunday for Easter.

Open bowling — for days and times, call 377-2817.

Open play on league nights — first come, first served. For lane availability, call 377-2817.

Birthday party package — Saturdays 1:30-3 p.m. or 3:30-5 p.m., and Sundays 2:30-4 p.m. Basic party with bowling and food \$8.95 per child. Mid party, including table supply and T-shirt, \$11.95 per child. Premium party with games and a pin, \$15.95 per child. Reservations required.

Nonprior service students special — 5-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, all nonprior service students bowl for \$1.50 game including shoe rental.

Glow bowling — 9 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays.

Hurricane alley, fundraisers — for more information, call 377-2817.

Logo apparel — wear your college logo clothing on Saturdays and get \$1 off shoe rental. Wear Mississippi Sea Wolves apparel anytime and get \$1 off shoe rental.

By Airman 1st Class David Salanitri

Keesler News staff

Looks like the New England Patriots aren't be the only team with a perfect regular season record.

The 338th Training Squadron finished the Over-30 Basketball League regular season with a 12-0 record, with playoffs just around the corner.

The Dark Knights went into last week with just two more games to win to achieve their perfect record. In those games, the Dark Knights marched their way to two victories, beating the 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, 56-33, March 11 and 2nd Air Force, 63-42, March 13.

Also during last week's play, the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron cemented its second-place finish in the regular season, bulldozing the 85th EIS, 60-28.

Double-elimination playoffs are slated to start next week, with a date yet to be set.

For more information, call Laurence Wilson, sports director, 377-2444.

Fitness centers

Free fitness classes — yoga, step aerobics, turbo-core, spin/cycle, aerobics, boxing workout and fencing at Dragon Fitness Center. For more information, call 377-2907.

Massage appointments — at Triangle Fitness Center, call 263-5515.

Golf

Driving range — 40 balls, \$2.

Golf lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes. For appointment, call 424-0479.

Course and pro shop — 7 a.m. to dusk daily. For tee times, call 377-3832.

Martial arts

Editor's note: Classes at Vandenberg Community Center. For more information, call 377-3308.

Shaolin pentjak silat — 7-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, all ages. \$65 month. Striking, kicking, grappling, weapons and internal energy; sash ranking system.

Pukulan pencak silat tempur — 6-7 p.m. Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$65 month. Closequarters combat class; used for personal protection.

Mixed martial arts — 8-9 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. \$65 month; muay thai, western boxing, kung fu, wrestling, judo and jujitsu.

Women's self defense — 6-7 p.m. Wednesdays. \$25 month. Mental, physical and tactical training.

Outdoor recreation

March fish of the month — weigh in largest croaker and win \$100 savings bond.

Bicycles for rent — 3500 Trek seven-speed bikes, \$3 day, \$15 week.

Fish of the month — weigh in largest croaker for March; win \$100 savings bond.

Wet slip fees — monthly, boats more than 32 feet, \$3.75 per foot;

less than 32 feet, \$2.50 per foot. Overnight, \$5 per boat.

Deep sea fishing trips — compressed work schedule Fridays and Sundays aboard the Keesler Dolphin II. \$60 per person includes everything you need to fish. Payment due upon reservation. Minimum 10, maximum 22 people. For reservation, call 377-3160.

Deep sea fishing private charter — rent Dolphin II, \$700 for first six people, \$35 each additional person Mondays-Thursdays, \$40 weekends and holidays. \$350 deposit required.

Back Bay cruiser — 17-foot vessel for rent. Mississippi boater registration card required. For prices, call 377-3160.

Recreational vehicle, boat and trailer storage — \$15 per month. For more information, call 377-3160.

Marina park pavilions — to reserve, call 377-3160.

Pontoon boat training — to rent a pontoon you must take a test and be certified. Call for information.

Disk golf — distance, fairway, multi-purpose, putt and approach disks for sale or rent.

Canoe trips — for more information, call 377-3160.

Resale area — snacks, beverages, fishing and rental equipment, Mississippi hunting and fishing licenses.

Paintball

Paintball course — open by reservation only; for reservations or more information, call 377-3160.

Special Olympics

Keesler hosts the Mississippi Special Olympics, May 16-18.

Project officer is Capt. Millie Ziebell, 377-9522.

Squadrons interested in sponsoring food booths, call or e-mail Rick Harmon, 377-7351, rick.harmon@keesler.af.mil.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Electronic principles — Airmen Basic Micah Bewley, Christopher Brand, Michael Butz, Jonathan Catamas, Jesse Cherry, Luwed Cifuentes, Nicholas Cope, Jeffery Cottingham, Nathan Dimambro, Bernard Dona, Mark Entwistle, Travis Faulkner, Joseph Fischer, David Frost, Michael Funes, Travis Garoutte, Matthew Golden, Chriostpher Grumbine, Nicole Huallpa, Justin Huber, Jesse Hunt, Sarah Imhauser, Nicholas Irwin, Justin Ivey, Christopher Johnson, Adam Kramer, Andrew Krull, Peter Lacasse, Andrew Lesner, Brandon Lumsden, Spencer McMahon, Brandon Mitchell, Michael Morrison, Travis Niles, Timothy Newingham, Ryan O'Leary, James Ostler, Dimitrios Pappas, Christopher Powell, Michael Rossi, Sean Saunders, Joshua Snider, Gregory Stanley, Theodore Teague, Joshua Thomas, Kevin Thomas, Miles Toran, Douglas Travier, Lee Valley, Timothy Viles, Bryce Weaver, John Williams and Jonathan Woodman; Airmen John Abston, Arabo Babakhani, Alexander Blench, Jason Bowman, Levi Pratt, Adam Taylor, Armon Taylor, Chad Thomson, Kenenth Volberg and Jacob Woods; Airmen 1st Class Kenneth Applewhite, Jonathon Bodam, Benjamin Boulanger, Scott Calhoun, Jason Carlson, Kyle Carnegie, Joshua Champlin, Vincent Clark, Evan Dangelo, Marc DeGuzman, Lourdes Diaz, James Drewry, Paul Farr, Nolan George, Benjamin Griffeth, Kevin Heesh, Christopher Hekowczyk, Jinwoo Hwang, Sarah Kent, Brandon Kuehmichel, Darye Lal, Corey Mayle, Joseph McCauley, Joshua Millard, James Miller, Charles Mizer, Jeffrey Moody, Willard Moran, Richard Murphey, Melissa Parrish, Sarah Perry, Lauren Persico, Julio Reategui, Jorge Reza, Edwin Rivera, Emanuel Rodriguez, Steven Ross, Jose Saldana, Mark Savage, Alexander Schemm, William Schull, Justin Schultz, Ernest Scruggs, Thomas Sherrill, Chanreaksmeay Sok, Nicholas Stewart, Dominic Tunison, Derrick Tuomi, Kyle Vincent, David Watts and Paul Young; Senior Airmen Tony Bloyd, Bradley Dial, Stephen Ely, Christopher Mencias, Richard Tomasso and Terence Smith; Staff Sgt. Eric Chaisson, Paul Clampet, Joseph Coffee, Juan DeLaCruz, Geow Eustaquio, Stephen Gall, Joshua Henley, Randall Main, John McLaughlin, Charles Pittman, Jessica Reynolds, Ruben Sanderson, Joel Toroestrella and Jeremy Wolf; Tech. Sgts. Mohammad Ali, Mark Andrews, John Caudle, Scott

England, James Johnson, Vance Rizzo and Evan Woodberry; Master Sgts. Kevin Merrihew; Henry May and Phillip Tibbs.

Metrology course — Airman Basic Coleman Moore; Airman Nicholas Tappa; Airmen 1st Class Joshua Fielder, Christopher Holloway and Joseph Stone.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Jared Bard, Joseph Borgen, Krysta Cruz, Benjamin Moore, Justin Ohm, Rachelle Osgood, Justin Sprayberry, Casey Springer, Quentin Terry, Jacob Williams, Leah Wood, Michael Worrick and Bruce Zaragoza; Airmen Michael Butler, Brandon Fritch, Alyssa Horton and Corey Kwiatski; Airmen 1st Class Dustin Allred, Misty Flores, Geoffrey Ikert, Justin Kimble, Timothy Linden, Erin Long, John Petersen, Jessica Seeber, Lloyd Swede, Nelson Vargas, Eric West, Brinton Whalen and Jeremy Williams; Senior Airmen Paul Arbogast and Cedric Hall; Staff Sgts. Clint Campbell, Thomas Croteau and Stefan Jorgenson.

Command post apprentice course — Airman Basic Willie Sloan; Airman Jillian Trujillo; Airmen 1st Class Eric Basinger and Alexandra Calderon; Staff Sgts. Andrew Fraser, Karl Goon, Daniel Persico, Phillip Saunders and Carl Schoemann; Tech. Sgts. Sherry Fincham, Joseph Gentile, Ted Gladden, Chester Greenhalgh, Robert Parris, Nickolas Reed, Michael Stutien and Joseph Wilson; Senior Master Sgt. Charles Bryant.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airmen Basic Christen Abner, Mark Atkinson, Erik Coffell, Amanda Compton, Kendra Curtis, Tiffany Holmes, Johnathan McEachin, Robert Sharpe and Emily Stormfeltz; Airmen Robert Kidney, Heather Lippert, Nathan Sharpless and Marcus Zachary; Airmen 1st Class Elizabeth Hallett, Patrick Maldonado, Jeremy McCray, Corrine Miller, Tobey Newby, Rashad Noori, Jeffrey Phillips, Jaclyn Scott, Ryan Simbro and Daniel Wisniewski; Senior Airmen Mildred Cassidy, Ceasal Clyburn, David Warner, Crystal White and Dorothy Wilson; Staff Sgts. Samantha Hren, Daniel O'Hara and Lori Presnar; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Dreibelbis and Laurie Kelsey.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Nadeem Ahmed, Matthew Fenner and D'Andre' Shade; Marine Pfc. Mitchel Laplume; Airmen Marlyn Daust, Kristian Kemp and Margaret Peterson; Airmen 1st Class Spencer Charczuk, Russell Hathaway, Joshua Lacombe, Jared McClain, Jeremy Smith and Tyson Unrau; Staff Sgt. David Candelaria.

336th TRS

Communications-computer systems flight — Airmen Basic Nathan Barlow and Matthew Feagley; Airmen 1st Class Savathi Kem and Michael Nicholson; Senior Airmen Cory Fromm and Anthony Randazzo; Staff Sgts. Wesley Fennel, David Glass, Joshua Hawkins, Micah Huber, Daniel Manwaring, Rafael Marrero, Glen Munte and Ronald Nesbitt; Tech. Sgts. Kevin Cramp, Gregory Huff and Daniel Jones; Master Sgts. Brian Haase, Michael Nickerson and Dwain West; Chief Master Sgt. Guy Plante.

Communications and information systems flight — Airmen Basic Joshua Gonzales, Kendall Haynes, Timothy Lindsey, Stephanie Wahl and Marie York; Airman Vanessa Mims; Airman 1st Class Sierra Carter, Gina Custer, Nicholas Earl, Eugene Evans, Michael Fowler, Rondelte Frazier, Timothy Guerin, Adrian Guzman, Caleb Johnson, Aaron Lovely, Joshua Robertson, Joshua Russell, Steven Su, Justin Warner and Ian White; Senior Airmen Joshua Bartholomew, Jared Cooke, Aaron Gentry, Richard McDonald, Caleb Sears, William Stevenson, Nathan Svenkerud and Dylan Wolfe; Staff Sgts. Kevin Cornish, Shawn Dillard, Mark Jackson and Benjamin Wilcock; Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey March; Master Sgt. Phyllis Booker; Matthew Lewis.

338th TRS

Airfield systems — Airmen Basic Joshua Williamson, Jonathan Samolinski and James Wilson; Franz Koenig.

Ground radar — Airmen Drew Bellah and Kelly Darr; Staff Sgt. Jackson Parnell.

Ground radio — Airman Basic Josiah Schmidt; Airmen Christopher Gilhang, Daniel Haire and Randy Martinez; Airmen 1st Class Von Collins, Damon Daniels, Tyler Dixon, Jay Emmert, David Lewis, Kaleb Lewis, Aaron Loudenburg, John Norman, Nicholas Steinmeyer, Kelly Strahangolley and Michael Turnell; Senior Airman Albert Trombley; Staff Sgts. Jonathan McLennan and Kenneth Nelson; Technical Sgts. Michael Bieberle and William Walsh; Master Sgt. Michael Walsh.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6957
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 AAFES Furniture Store
:06	:36 Jones/Bryan/Hewes Hall at gazebo
:08	:38 Thomson Hall
:09	:39 New Cody Hall
:11	:41 Supply, civil engineering
:12	:42 Rental store
:13	:43 Shaw House
:14	:44 Old base exchange
:15	:45 McBride Library
:16	:46 Credit union, Blake Fitness Center
:17	:47 Medical center, Tyer House
:18	:48 Sablich Center
:19	:49 Dental clinic
:20	:50 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:21	:51 Base operations
:22	:52 Hangar 4

Technical training route

5:10-5:37 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Building 5025
:12	Building 5022
:14	Shaw House
:16	Muse Manor
:18	Tyer House
:20	TLQ east side 2000 block
:21	TLQ east side of Locker House
:25	332nd TRS
:28	Welch Auditorium
:33	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:34	McClellan Hall
:36	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:37	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off base

Morning pickup from hotels north of Keesler — 5 a.m., Red Carpet Inn; 5:10, Travel Inn; 5:15, Beaujolais Villas; 5:20, Suburban Inn and Super 8.

Afternoon pickup to return to hotels north of Keesler — 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard Halls; 3:33 and 5:33, Cody Hall bus stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan Halls; 3:36 and 5:36, E Street side of McClelland Hall; 3:38 and 5:38, back side of Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather training center and Allee, Wolfe, and Stennis Halls; 3:41 and 5:41, front of Muse Manor.

Wait at the main entrance of hotels for pickup. Allow a five to 10 minute window on arrival time. Traffic in the local area impacts base taxi times.

Call 377-2432 for transportation needs for classes starting after 6:30 a.m. or for service to hotels not listed.

Editor's note: Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged, have excess baggage, medical appointments at off-base hospitals or clinics or unable to ride the base shuttle, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430. Until further notice, weekend shuttle service isn't available. Taxi service is available on an "as needed" basis.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-2520.

Protestant

Sunday worship
Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel contemporary worship service...10:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....Noon

Ash Wednesday service

Larcher Chapel.....11 a.m.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass
Triangle Chapel.....9 a.m.
Weekday Mass
Medical Center chapel.....11:15 a.m.

Jewish

For worship opportunities, call Tech. Sgt. Michael Raff, 377-5235.

Islamic

Building 2003 — prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.
For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. For more information, call 396-5274 or 1-801-694-8900.

Digest,

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CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 08-3 — graduates March 27.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 08-3 — graduates April 3.

Arts and crafts center

National Craft Month

Airmen's view — 5-7 p.m. today, Vandenberg Community Center. Demonstrations, prizes.

Family bingo and crafts for fun — 1-3:30 p.m. March 29.

Prize drawing reception — enter all month for prizes to be awarded at noon March 29. Free cake and punch.

Multi-craft shop

Editor's note: open until 8 p.m. Thursdays.

Spring craft camp — April 8-10. To register, call 377-2821.

Auto hobby shop

Editor's note: open shop use, preregister for classes.

Free auto care briefing for spouses of deployed troops — 4:30-6 p.m. today, auto hobby shop.

Qualified mechanics — can assist with vehicle maintenance.

Oil collection site — for personal vehicles.

24-hour coin-operated car wash, vacuum and tire air pump — wash, rinse, wax system, towelettes, Armorall and vacuum.

Vehicle resale lot — one block west of Larcher Boulevard on Tingle Street north of the 81st Security Forces Squadron building. Register at multi-craft shop. Registration, license and proof of insurance required. To place a car on the lot, call 377-2821.

Frame shop

Framing and matting — one class, four sessions, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Matting, frame building and glass cutting. \$60 including materials, shop use and completed framing.

Chapel

All classes are held at the Triangle Chapel Annex through May. For more information, call 377-2520.

Catholic religious education — after 9 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Protestant Sunday School — 10:30-11:30 a.m. for preschool, elementary, teens and adults.

Men's prayer breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon second Saturday of the month.

Women's prayer breakfast — 10 a.m. to noon first Saturday of the month.

Tuesday Bible study — 6-7:30 p.m. at the Haven.

McBride Library

Free wireless Internet available — check at circulation desk.

Online research data bases orientations — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Overdrive — information available at front desk.

Gale data base reference orientations — 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Tours/orientations — call 377-2827.

Orientations for commanders, first sergeants and instructors — 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

African-American History Month — poster and book display.

Mental health clinic

Post-traumatic stress disorder — 1:30 p.m. Mondays.

Healthy thinking — 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Stress management techniques — 10 a.m. Wednesdays.

Relaxation techniques — 9 a.m. Mondays.

To register, call 376-0385.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Vandenberg Community Center

Editor's note: All events, except dances, are open to all Keesler personnel.

Easter egg hunt — noon Sunday for nonprior service students.

Guitar hero contests — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

Karaoke and music videos — 7 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before working Fridays.

Pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays.

Movie night — 6 p.m. Wednesdays. New releases, popcorn.

Dances — 6 p.m. to midnight Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays, and Fridays and Saturdays. \$3.

Katrina Kantina

Editor's note: In the marina building overlooking Biloxi's Back Bay.

All ranks invited — open 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays. Snacks, beverages and music.

Luncheon specials — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays. New menu each week. \$6 members, \$8 nonmembers.

Crawfish boil — 5 p.m. March 27. \$6 for club members, \$8 nonmembers.

Karaoke night — 5 p.m. Thursdays before compressed work schedule Fridays.

Taco Tuesdays — members get two tacos for \$1, nonmembers pay \$2.

Catering — experts can assist with planning weddings, holidays, birthdays, official functions and other special occasions.

Youth center

Annual membership — \$25, ages 9 and older. Discounts on programs, classes and sports.

Before- and after-school program and all-day camp — 5:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, ages 6-12. Pre-registration and shot record required. Cost based on parent's income.

Art, FitFactor, sewing clubs — 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, ages 9 and older. Free for members; pr-registration required.

Cooking club — Tuesday, ages 9 and older. Call for times. Free for members; space limited. Preregistration required.

Open recreation — 4-7 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays, ages 9 and older.

Friday night frenzy — 6:30-11 p.m. ages 13-17. Games, skating, music, snacks. \$5 members, \$7 nonmembers.

Super Saturdays — 1-5 p.m. Saturday, ages 6-12.

Classes — 9 a.m. Saturdays. Dance and gymnastics, \$50 for members, \$55 nonmembers, ages 3 and older. Piano \$70 for members, \$75 nonmembers, ages 6 and older. Karate for ages 6 and older meets one week on Mondays and Tuesdays, following week Wednesdays and Thursdays; \$70 for members, \$75 for nonmembers; call for times.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Congressionally-mandated pre-separation briefings — counseling by airman and family readiness center for active-duty military members of any branch of service who'll receive honorable discharges and no extra transition benefits. Briefings are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. for personnel who are separating and 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Individuals with less than honorable discharges, receiving extra benefits such as second enrollment opportunity in Montgomery GI Bill, Reserve or Guard personnel coming off 180-day deployments or entering the disability system must call 377-2179 for individual counseling appointment. Until the center moves back to Sablich Center, briefings held in Room 151, Hangar 2.

Transition assistance program — planned dates, which are subject to change, are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 14-17, May 19-22, June 16-19, July 14-17, Aug. 11-14, Sept. 15-18, Oct. 20-23, Nov. 17-20 and Dec. 8-11. For military personnel who are 12 months or less from separation or 24 months or less from retirement, and Department of Defense civilians; spouses welcome. Military members should complete congressionally-mandated preseparation counseling in advance. Attire is business casual — no uniforms, jeans, shorts or T-shirts. Until the airman and family readiness cen-

DINING HALL MENUS

Today

Lunch — pork chops with mushroom gravy, braised liver with onions, fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, corn, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken chili, cheeseburger soup, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, cheeseburger soup, chicken chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — shrimp scampi, beef stew, turkey, egg noodles, rice, gravy, corn on the cob, cauliflower, collard greens, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — chili macaroni, barbecue chicken, fried catfish, potato wedges, Spanish rice, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, broccoli, pasta salad, three-bean salad, chicken and wild rice soup, French onion soup, chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chicken chili and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, knockwurst, Chinese five-spice chicken, potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, spinach, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, clam chowder, chili and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Easter luncheon — strip loin steak, baked potato chowder, barbecue ribs, roast turkey and gravy, black-eyed peas, baked potatoes, brussels sprouts, corn on the cob, cornbread, cheese chicken tortilla soup, chili, cheese pizza and peas, mushroom and onions combo.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, pork chop suey, sauteed mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, German coleslaw, tomato salad, chicken tortilla soup, baked potato chowder, chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — spaghetti with meat sauce, loin strip steak, turkey, baked potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, squash, carrots, broccoli, sauteed mushrooms and onions, macaroni salad, cucumber/onion salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, grilled sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, baked fish, rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, steamed carrots, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, tempura vegetables, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, beef pot roast soup, vegetable soup, chicken chili, sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, sweet and sour pork, jambalaya, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, Mexican corn, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, chicken noodle soup, cream of potato soup, chili, cheese fishwich and pizza.

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ter moves back to Sablich Center, programs held in Room 151, Hangar 2, room 151. To sign up, call 377-2179.

Military retirement benefit seminars — planned dates, subject to change, are 8-10:30 a.m. April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. Tricare, Survivor Benefit Plan, movement and storage of household goods, military and retired pay issues and other topics covered. Spouses encouraged to attend. To sign up, call 377-2179. Until the airman and family readiness center moves back to Sablich Center, briefings held in Room 151, Hangar 2.

Employment opportunities

14th annual Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8, Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Convention Center, Biloxi. Over 120 employers expected to attend this free event. Individuals should take resumes and information to use when completing on-the-spot applications, including three to five references. Wear business attire; military uniforms acceptable.

The airman and family readiness center offers resume writing/job fair preparation class, 1-3:30 p.m. April 2. To register, call 377-2179.

MEETINGS

Editor's note: To list time, place and contact for organization meetings, call 377-3837 or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, Room 109, Taylor Logistics Building. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 652 — 7 a.m. third Tuesday of the month, Live Oak Dining Hall. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kat Hataway, 377-1389, or visit the group's Web site, <http://www.afsa652.org>.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Michelle Foster, 273-4591 or e-mail auxiliary.president@afsa652.org.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Vandenberg Community Center second floor conference room. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Yelton, 377-0167, or e-mail keesler.addofficers@keesler.af.mil.

Asian Pacific-American Heritage Committee — 11:30 a.m. first Wednesday of month, Room 151, Hangar 2 (old Cody Hall, Hall). For more information, call Lucy Belles, 377-2179, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

At Eze Toastmasters Club — 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Building 1101 conference room. For more information, call Dewi Clark, 377-2714 or e-mail dewi.clark2@keesler.af.mil; Fred Blache, 377-1048, or visit <http://www.toastmasters.org>.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Taylor Logistics Building conference room. For more information call Florence Clay, 377-8681, or Paulette Powell, 377-2270.

Company grade officers council — meets first Wednesday of the month. For time and location, call 1st Lt. Michael Newson, 377-7626, michael.newson@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Amateur Radio Club — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Hangar 3, Room 215. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Justin Meyer, 377-4149 or 324-5806, or e-mail justin.meyer2@keesler.af.mil.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m. second Tuesday of the month, September-May, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Heather Melancon, 831-8895.

Keesler Spouses Club — second Tuesday of the month. For time and place, call Gretchen Gorline, 374-8024, or visit <http://www.KeeslerSpousesClub.com>.

Native American Heritage Committee — for more information, call R.I. Whiteside, 863-0479, or Capt. Elizabeth Taillon, 377-6242.

Retired Enlisted Association Magnolia Chapter 81 — 6:30 p.m. second Thursday of the month, Vandenberg

Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252 or 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of the month; location varies. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Toyshaline Young, 377-0591, or Tech. Sgt. Jodi Evans, 377-2835.

Top III — meeting times and locations vary. For more information, call Master Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 377-6510.

Tuskegee Airmen Inc., Col. Lawrence E. Roberts Chapter — 5 p.m. first Thursday of the month, McBride Library. For more information, call Glenda Mosby, 243-1992, gmosby1@bellsouth.net, or Charles Bowers, 860-3665.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recording about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 6:30 p.m., Over Her Dead Body (PG-13, 97 minutes).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Juno (PG-13, 91 minutes); 6:30 p.m., Strange Wilderness (R, 85 minutes).

Sunday — Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG-13, 114 minutes).

Air Force Assistance Fund

Project officer — Capt. Jermaine Jordan, 377-1704.

2nd Air Force — Master Sgt. Timothy Posvar, 376-6359.

81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron — Capt. Albert Yu, 376-0444.

81st Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Robin Sikes, 377-4652.

81st Communications Squadron — Master Sgt. Reynaldo Garza, 377-4444.

81st Contracting Squadron — Airman 1st Class Alex Potter, 377-1811.

81st Dental Squadron — Staff Sgt. Natasha Carter, 376-5116.

81st Inpatient Operations Squadron — Capt. John Williamson, 376-5552.

81st Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Sharon Opel, 377-6510.

81st Medical Operations Squadron — Staff Sgt. Tameka Hill, 376-5073.

81st Medical Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Danielle Hindel, 376-3055.

81st Mission Support Group — 1st Lt. Shanna McCoy, 377-3847.

81st Mission Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Ernest Alvendia, 377-8628.

81st Security Forces Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Michael Smith, 377-0982.

81st Services Division — Master Sgt. Michael Sullo, 377-2907.

81st Supply Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Langley, 377-3009.

81st Surgical Operations Squadron — Senior Airman Jasmine Henderson, 376-0432.

81st Training Group — Master Sgt. Joseph Wheeler, 377-5044.

81st Training Support Squadron — Staff Sgt. Kira Thomas, 377-5180.

81st Training Wing staff agencies — Senior Airman Sara Johnson, 377-9011.

81st Transportation Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Brian Langley, 377-3009.

85th Engineering Installation Squadron — Capt. Joseph Kirk, 377-1862.

332nd Training Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Len Kedrow, 377-0737.

333rd TRS — Airman 1st Class Michael Tyra, 377-4186.

334th TRS — Jere Funk, 377-3050.

335th TRS — Tech. Sgt. Asha Gray, 377-0244.

336th TRS — Staff Sgt. Sharon Cleveland, 377-4272.

338th Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Eric Crawford, 377-4585.